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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1925.



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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AS TO THE

*Sanitary Conditions of Wangford Rural District*  
During the Year 1925.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Council  
of the Rural District of Wangford.*

GENTLEMEN,

I herewith present to you my report for the year 1925. The Wangford Rural District extends along the Southern bank of the River Waveney for 14 miles, with an average breadth of six miles, covering an area of about 31,192 acres. In the river valley, there is a considerable area of marsh land, about a quarter of a mile broad, liable to be flooded after heavy rains. Away from the valley of the river, the ground rises to an average height of 80 feet above the sea level and the surface is undulating. The higher land is covered with a layer of the great chalky boulder clay, beneath which sands and gravel are found down to the level of the river bed. On the clay area are numerous ponds, which form the chief water supply of the District.

**THE POPULATION**, as estimated by the Registrar General, is 4610, and is almost entirely agricultural, or dependent upon agriculture.

**THE BIRTHS** registered in the district were 84, Males 57, and Females 27. Of illegitimate children, there were 3 births registered; 1 Male and 2 Females, the lowest number within my records of 13 years.

**DEATHS** for the District numbered 52, seventeen less than last year. Of the 52 recorded, 21 were Males and 31 Females, and of that number, 27 *i.e.* more than half, were over 65 years of age. None of the deaths recorded were of persons over 80 years of age.

**INFANT MORTALITY.** Only 5 deaths occurred in Infants under 1 year of age, 2 being Males and 3 Females, one of the latter being illegitimate. Two, at least, of the deaths recorded were due to premature birth.

### **INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

Scarlet Fever	...	...	5
Erysipilas	...	...	3
Enteric Fever	...	...	1

One case of Scarlet Fever was removed to Oulton Broad Isolation Hospital.

### **OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.**

Pneumonia (all forms)	...	7
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	8
Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	3

There were 3 deaths from Pneumonia.

The large number of Tuberculosis cases is much to be regretted and a very serious matter. The number of cases notified is only 3 less than the two previous years, which were not only the highest number ever recorded in the Wangford Rural District, but double the previous highest number recorded.

There were 4 deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 1 from other Tuberculous Disease, during the year.

**BARSHAM VOLUNTARY SCHOOL** was closed from January 19th to January 26th, 1925, owing to an epidemic of Influenza Colds.

For only one School to be closed during the year and that for a comparatively trivial reason, is most satisfactory, and according to my records, a unique experience.

**CANCER.** Six deaths from this disease were notified during the year.

**THE WATER SUPPLY** in the District is dependent upon open ponds to a great extent, though there are wells in a few parishes.

**SEWERAGE.** The Pail System for the night soil is employed.

**COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.** These have been periodically inspected and found to be clean and well kept. There are 21 cowkeepers and approximately 310 cows in milk.

The appended report of the Sanitary Inspector gives further information.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

J. H. BUSTEED,

L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.S.A. (Lond.),

*Medical Officer of Health.*



# WANGFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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## REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the year ending 31st December, 1925.

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GENTLEMEN,

I herewith report that the following Sanitary work has been carried out during the year ending 31st December, 1925.

Periodical visits of inspection have been made of the District for any existing nuisances, and complaints of nuisances received have had immediate attention, when found necessary to do so notices for the abatement of same were served, these being complied with, with the least possible delay.

In eleven cases formal notices were served to abate nuisances all of which were complied with.

One Slaughter-house has been registered after inspection for the slaughtering of animals for human food, within the Rural District.

The Cowsheds and Dairies have been periodically inspected and these were generally found to be kept in a satisfactory manner, there being approximately 310 cows in milk kept.

Five Dwelling-houses were disinfected under the directions of the Medical Officer of Health after cases of infectious diseases, all the cases were of Scarlet Fever. In one case the patient was removed to Oulton Broad Isolation Hospital, as sufficient isolation of the case could not be obtained at home.

The wells at St. James and St. Cross, and the pond at Redisham continues to give a good supply of wholesome water for domestic purposes.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. EARL, Cert. R.S.I.,

*Sanitary Inspector.*

## HOUSING CONDITIONS.

Year ended 31st December, 1925.

### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	...	...	...	...	30,850
Population (1923)	...	...	...	...	4,678
Number of inhabited houses (1923)	...	...	...	...	1,112
Number of families or separate occupiers (1923)	...	...	...	...	1,112
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£30,373
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	£78

### HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total	...	...	...	...	None
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme	...	...	...	...	None

#### 1. *Unfit Dwelling-houses.*

Inspection—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	145
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	...	...	...	64
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	None
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	9

#### (2) *Remedy of defects without service of formal Notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	...	...	30
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### 3. *Action under Statutory Powers.*

A.—Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	9
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit :	
(a) by owners ... ..	7
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	2
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance to declarations by owners of intention to close .. ..	None

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	2
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied :	
(a) by owners ... ..	2
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	None

C.—Proceedings under sections 17 & 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act. 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders ..	} None
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ..	
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit ...	
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	
(5) Number of dwelling-houses in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..	